Table 1-5. Trends in percentage of leased science and engineering (S&E) research space by institution type: 1988–1994 [Percentage of total S&E space that is leased]

Institution type	1988	1990	1992	1994
Total	3.4	3.1	3.9	2.0
Doctorate-granting	3.5	3.2	4.0	3.0
Top 100 in research expenditures	3.5	3.2	4.0	4.9
Other	3.4	3.2	4.0	2.0

How Was Research Space Distributed Across S&E Fields?

In 1994, more institutions had research space in the biological sciences (87 percent) and the physical sciences (86 percent) than in any other S&E field. (See Table 1-6 on the following page.) In contrast, 20 percent of all research-performing universities and colleges had research space in the agricultural sciences. However, the total amount of NASF of research space in the agricultural sciences (20 million NASF) was greater than the total in either the physical sciences, the biological sciences, or medical sciences in medical schools (17 million NASF each). Conducting agricultural research, thus, appears to require a relatively large amount of space.